

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA BARBARA ESTABLISHING THE
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL AND
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NOS. 04-086, 79-093, 82-
046, 97-039, 97-040, and 97-041.

WHEREAS, there has been a need for better collaboration and improved delivery of programs and services for underserved youth and families, and improved connections with neighborhoods to facilitate effective prioritization and delivery of City resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to support improved resident voice and delivery of City services through the consolidation of the Franklin Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Lower Westside Community Center Advisory committee and Westside Community Center Advisory Committee into one group titled, the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Establishment.

The City of Santa Barbara Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) is hereby established.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Neighborhood Advisory Council is to provide guidance and operation assistance to the City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Parks and Recreation Department in the provision of neighborhood services for residents of the City of Santa Barbara. As such, it will provide a vehicle for community input and assist in the mobilization of area resources to help meet neighborhood related interests and needs of the community.

Section 3. Duties

The Neighborhood Advisory Council shall perform a variety of guidance and support functions. The scope of such involvement will include, but not be limited to the following:

A. Represent neighborhood residents to insure their concerns and issues are addressed.

B. Advise the City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, and other City Departments as appropriate and necessary, in matters pertaining to neighborhood services, needs, and other matters upon request.

C. Establish priorities regarding social service and capital program needs, and present Neighborhood Advisory Council recommendations as appropriate and necessary to the Parks and Recreation Department, Neighborhood Improvement Task Force, and Community Development and Human Services Committee. Receive reports on agencies providing services in the specific neighborhoods and use of funds.

D. Advise Neighborhood and Outreach Services staff on resident outreach, participation, and community service projects.

E. Advise Neighborhood and Outreach Services, and the Parks and Recreation Department staff on maintenance, operation, programming, and policies of community centers to ensure that services are meeting the needs of residents.

F. Outreach and facilitate resident voice through committee and town hall meetings.

G. Appoint sub-committees consisting of residents and resident advocates to address neighborhood concerns when appropriate. Sub-committees shall report back to the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

Section 4. Membership

The Neighborhood Advisory Council shall be composed of thirteen (13) members. All NAC members must be residents of the City, but do not need to be qualified electors. Eight (8) members shall be residents of the following six (6) neighborhoods: Westside, Lower Westside, West Downtown, Eastside, Lower Eastside, and Laguna (as those neighborhoods are described in the General Plan Land Use Element). Five (5) members shall be members at large and may reside in any area of the City. No more than three (3) members shall be residents of any one of the specified neighborhoods. Of the thirteen members, the City Council may, but is not required to, appoint up to three (3) youth of age sixteen (16) years or older. Priority in youth assignments should be given to youth from the six (6) specified neighborhoods. Members will not receive compensation for their service on the Neighborhood Advisory Council. Members will not be required to provide a financial disclosure.

The City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission may each appoint up to two (2) from their membership to serve as liaisons to the Neighborhood Advisory Council. The Community Development and Human Services Committee and Youth Council may appoint one (1) from their membership to serve as a liaison to the NAC. Other liaisons positions may be appointed by City Council to support NAC purpose and duties.

Section 5. Appointment.

Applicants will be interviewed and appointed by the City Council. Applicants may elect to be interviewed as part of regularly scheduled City Council Advisory Committee Interview Sessions or by a subcommittee of up to three (3) members of City Council at a scheduled meeting held at a community center. The subcommittee shall report to City Council on the interviews that it conducts. Appointments will be made by the City Council upon completion of the recruitment/interview process.

Section 6. Terms.

Members shall serve four-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members appointed to fill an unscheduled vacancy shall serve the remainder of the scheduled term. Each term of office shall expire on December 31st of the appropriate year. Terms shall be staggered so that the number of terms expiring in any year shall not differ by more than one (1) from the number of terms expiring any other year. Three (3) members shall have an initial term of two (2) years, three (3) members shall have an initial term of three (3) years, and four (4) members shall have an initial term of four (4) years. Members may be appointed to multiple terms in accordance with the City Council Guidelines for Advisory Groups.

Section 7. Organization

The Neighborhood Advisory Council shall meet monthly on a day and time established by NAC action. Meeting location will rotate through available facilities in the six (6) specified neighborhoods. The Committee shall elect from their membership a Chair and Vice-Chair who shall serve in such capacity for terms of one year each. The committee is required to follow all aspects of the Brown Act. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Three (3) unexcused absences within a twelve (12) month period will result in the member's removal from the NAC. The NAC may appoint sub-committees to represent the specified neighborhoods and areas of interest as needed. Special or town hall meetings may be called as needed to address specific issues or as public forums.

Section 8. Administration

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee shall provide an annual written report to the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission each July. In addition, the Neighborhood Advisory Committee shall prepare other written reports as requested by the City Council or the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Section 9. Resolution Numbers 04-086, 79-093, 82-046, 97-039, 97-040, and 97-041 are repealed.